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LB 567, 567 A

last three years the average income for the Foundation per year was \$6,046.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: That is total income from money invested?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Yes, that is the average for each of the three previous years.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Well, I'm not going to stop you. I approve of your bill but I am going to check into that and see if maybe there would be a fair way that this Foundation money, a certain percent of it, would come back into the state coffers rather than remain in the Foundation.

SENATOR SAVAGE: There are no other lights on, Senator Bereuter. Do you wish to close?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, I only wish to say that I have an interest in this bill, not only because of Willa Cather being a famous Nebraskan, now world famous, but because I think this is an important asset to the state that will be important not only to southeast Nebraska as an economic development effort, but important to the state as a whole. Preserving those aspects about our heritage that are important not only to us, that is important enough, but preserving them for the economic development potential for the tourism potential that is there. The Willa Cather Foundation's primary purpose is educational. As I have testified upon Senator Rasmussen's question, the income from the tours, the gift items and the memberships for the Cather Foundation is relatively small, about \$6,046 a year. The Historical Society of course, is in favor of accepting these gifts to the state and Senator Kahle was quite right in mentioning something that I forgot. The personal property involved in these structures also comes to the state. A great deal of historic memorabilia, not only from Cather, but from the Red Cloud in south central Nebraska area is a part of those buildings, particularly the museum which is on main street. These are important assets too that will come to the state through the Historical Society. I would urge your support of this bill, LB 567.

SENATOR SAVAGE: The question is the advancement of LB 567. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Senator Savage voting aye.

CLERK: Senator Savage voting aye.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Please vote. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR SAVAGE: The bill advances. Senator Bereuter, there is an A bill accompanying this which we should move along so will you handle it for us?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Yes, Mr. President. Mr. President, LB 567 A...

SENATOR SAVAGE: It is not on your consent calendar but in the bill.

SENATOR BEREUTER: LB 567 A is the same amount as suggested by the fiscal note which of course was participated in by the budget staff and the fiscal analyst. It calls for \$69,751 from